

Amendments to the Abstract

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ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method for measuring the level of human endothelial lipase (LIPG) in a tissue sample obtained from a human patient by conducting an immunoassay for the LIPG ~~isolated polypeptide products encoded by the LIPG gene and analogues, fragments, derivatives, or mutants thereof which are derived from such polypeptides and which retain at least one biological property thereof (hereafter, collectively, "LIPG polypeptide").~~ The present invention relates also to ~~compositions and methods for regulating the levels of HDL cholesterol and apolipoprotein AI, VLDL cholesterol and LDL cholesterol. The compositions and methods of the present invention function by raising or lowering the levels or enzymatic activity of LIPG polypeptide.~~--